



# HOUSE BILL 39: Amend Appointments/UNC Bd of Governors.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *The 2nd edition of House Bill 39 would reduce the number of members elected by the General Assembly to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina (BOG) from 16 every 2 years to 12 every 2 years. This would reduce the elected membership of the BOG from 32 to 24 by July 1, 2019.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 116-6 provides that 16 members of the BOG are to be elected on odd-numbered years by the General Assembly with the House of Representatives electing 8 members and the Senate also electing 8 members. As a result, the elected membership of the BOG consists of 32 individuals serving staggered 4 year terms. Furthermore, G.S. 116-6(c) provides that each chamber must hold their elections within 30 legislative days after appointments to their education committees are complete.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The 2nd edition of HB 39 would reduce the number of members elected by the General Assembly to the BOG from 16 every 2 years to 12 every 2 years. In the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly, 12 members would be elected rather than 16 members: 6 members elected by the House of Representatives and 6 members elected by the Senate. This would bring the total membership to 28 elected members for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. In the 2019 Regular Session, 12 members would also be elected rather than 16 members: 6 members elected by the House of Representatives and 6 members elected by the Senate. Therefore as of July 1, 2019, the BOG would have 24 elected members.

In addition, HB 39 extends the statutory deadline for the BOG elections in both the House of Representatives and the Senate from 30 legislative days to 45 legislative days from the date of the appointments of their education committees. This is a one-time extension only for the elections during 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Sections 1, 3.5, and 4 of the bill become effective when it becomes law. Section 2 of the bill becomes effective July 1, 2017 and Section 3 of the bill becomes effective July 1, 2019.

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